

recovered by Action of Debt in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Courts of Session in the Counties Palatine of *Chester*, *Lancaster*, or *Durham* respectively, or in the Courts of Grand Sessions in *Wales*; wherein *no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be **733** allowed, nor more than One Impar lance.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where the Goods or Chattels so fraudulently carried off or concealed shall not exceed the Value of Fifty Pounds, it shall and may be lawful for the Landlord or Landlords, from whose Estate such Goods or Chattels were removed, his, her, or their Bailiff, Servant, or Agent, in his, her, or their Behalf, to exhibit a Complaint in Writing against such Offender or Offenders, before Two or more Justices of the Peace of the same County, Riding, or Division of such County, residing near the Place whence such Goods or Chattels were removed, or near the Place where the same were found, not being interested in the Lands or Tenements whence such Goods were removed; who may summon the Parties concerned, examine the Fact, and all proper Witnesses upon Oath, or if any such Witness be one of the People called *Quakers*, upon Affirmation required by Law; and in a summary Way determine, whether such Person or Persons be guilty of the Offence, with which he or they are charged; and to enquire in like Manner of the Value of the Goods and Chattels by him, her, or them respectively so fraudulently carried off or concealed as aforesaid; and, upon full Proof of the Offence, by Order under their Hands and Seals, the said Justices of Peace may and shall adjudge the Offender or Offenders to pay double the Value of the said Goods and Chattels to such Landlord or Landlords, his, her or their Bailiff, Servant, or Agent, at such Time as the said Justices shall appoint: And in case the Offender or Offenders having Notice of such Order, shall refuse or neglect so to do, may and shall, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders; and for want of such Distress may commit the Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour without Bail or Mainprize for the Space of Six Months, unless the Money so ordered to be paid as aforesaid shall be sooner satisfied.

V. Provided also, That it shall and may be lawful for any